

## **Blackjack Valley Farms-Recall Notice to Customers –6/30/14**

We are writing to inform you of a product recall involving Blackjack Valley Farm Raw Milk sold in half-gallon and gallon plastic bottles with Best if Use By dates of 7/6, 7/8, and 7/9. You can find the Best if Used by date on the front label.

We are voluntarily recalling this milk after routine monthly sampling the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) discovered that the product was contaminated with toxin-producing *E. coli*. We are working with the WSDA to investigate the source of this problem. We have not received any reports of human illnesses associated with the recalled product.

Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* infections may cause severe diarrhea, stomach cramps and bloody stool. Symptoms generally appear three to four days after exposure, but can take as long as nine days to appear. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact a health care provider.

The infection sometimes causes hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious disease in which red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys fail. Infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are especially at risk.

We delivered this milk between the dates of June 23, 2014 - June 27, 2014. If you have purchased milk that is part of the recall, we urge you not to drink it and contact Karen Marenbach-Olsen 360-731-3382 or email [bljkvalleyfarms@aol.com](mailto:bljkvalleyfarms@aol.com) for a refund or replacement.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. We thank you in advance for your immediate response to this notification and sincerely apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused.

Sincerely,  
Karen Marenbach Olsen

Retail raw milk is legal to sell and buy in Washington, but there are serious potential health risks. Consumers should read the warning label on the retail raw milk container carefully and ask their retailer to verify the milk was produced and processed by a WSDA-licensed operation.

*Please let me know you received the recall notice for Blackjack Valley Farm Raw milk with Best if Use by dates of 7/6, 7/8 and 7/9. I encourage you to check your refrigerator. If you have recalled milk, do not drink it and let me know so I can offer a refund or replacement milk.*